

# *Ball Room Dancers*

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GEORGE LEO BATTY AND HIS  
WIVES FRELIA MECHAM,  
HAZEL CURTIS AND PEARL  
WILLIE

George L. Batty was born in Wallsburg, Wasatch County, to Miles and Mary Mecham Batty December 1, 1871.

George helped his father a great deal and he sheared sheep, too. He was always very much interested in athletics and went to dances up until 1955.

He had a great sense of humor and never lost it.

He died at the age of 88, on March 28, 1960.

He married Frelia Mecham. Their children were: Mellie and May, Stella, George Franklin, Georgia Alberta, Wallace L., Lynn and Leo, John Vance.

Frelia died March 2, 1917. He later married Hazel Curtis. They had a son, Curtis LeRoy. Hazel died December 18, 1926. George then married Pearl Willie. She died on October 29, 1940.

George lived alone until about eight years ago, when his eyes failed, so the children took him into their homes and cared for him.

Lauren Turner

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## WILLIAM L. TURNER



William L. Turner was born to John and Agnes Montgomery Turner on July 31, 1866, at Heber, Utah.

He had been connected with various business interests of the city—in the lumber business with his father and brothers, furnishing much of the timber used in the Park City mines, and built and operated an amusement and dance hall.

His father owned a general drygoods store at Main and Second North, and Will served there.

He was a bookkeeper and later manager of A. Hatch & Co. co-op store. He also served as a director and cashier of the Bank of Heber City several years.

Mr. Turner was interested in farming and cattle raising.

## JANE HATCH TURNER

Emma Jane Hatch was born to Abram and Permella Lott Hatch on February 6, 1869, at Heber, Utah.

She received her education in Heber City

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schools and had a year at the University of Deseret in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On January 1, 1890, she married William L. Turner and to them seven children were born: Lacy T. Dannenberg, Abram W. Turner, Florence T. Balaska, Ruth T. Smith, Joseph Turner, Josie T. Wetmore and Darrow Hill Turner.

Mrs. Turner was prominently identified with business and civic affairs throughout the state, holding various offices in the state Republican organizations many years. She had been president and manager of Heber Mills 10 years.

One of the organizers of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Wasatch County, she was the first president of the camp, serving several years. She was well known as a writer and public speaker and many poems and articles by her have been published.

DAVID WOODRUFF AND  
CLARISSA VAN WAGONER  
PROVOST

Born January 29, 1850, at Newark, New Jersey, son of Luke and Julia Ann Wheeler Provost. Married Clarissa Van Wagoner October 22, 1876 by Bishop David Van Wagoner, brother of the bride. Died June 13, 1933, Midway.

Clarissa Van Wagoner Provost, born December 22, 1858, Provo, Utah. Daughter of John Halmah Van Wagoner and Clarissa Tappen. Died March 16, 1940, Midway.

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David Woodruff Provost, second son in his family, truly added his strength to the pioneers of Midway and Wasatch County. He lived with and helped support his widowed mother and her family until he married.

He was a Black Hawk War veteran. He was captain of the Ira N. Jacobs Company in Utah Militia Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor presented by the State of Utah. "Uncle Dave" carried the first tape in the original survey of Midway. He also held the first plow for the first irrigation ditch made in Midway.

He played the snare drums in the Martial Band for years.

He and his brother, Luke, owned their own brick kiln and made brick which they sold to build many homes in Wasatch County. He was a brick layer, good carpenter, shoemaker, barber, butcher, wood carver and farmer. He did lots of step dancing for public entertainment.

With the help of his good wife, Clara, they raised a big family. Many sad experiences came into their home, such as sudden death and much sickness. Times were hard for them, but in spite of this, their home was open to the public at all hours. Many friends both young and old came for musical entertainment and good visiting. They raised three children of their son, Luke, whose wife had died leaving the tiny tots to their care.

Aunt Clara was a spotless housekeeper and a good cook. She was pleasant to be with, always having faith in the Lord and the thought that everything would work out all right.

Children of David and Clarissa were:  
Mrs. Fletcher (Clarissa Florence) Arthur  
David William  
Luke Alma, married Mary Tryishia Vail  
George Ammon  
Mary Malinda, died in early youth

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Cynthia Loretta, died in early youth  
Mrs. Frank (Acie Lovilla) Giles  
Mrs. Ray (Trella May) Giles  
Earl Drell, married Freda E. Roylance

*Pioneer  
Veteran  
Survey  
canal builder  
Minister  
Brick maker  
Carpenter  
Shoemaker  
Barber  
Butcher  
Wood Carver*